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Attn: Exemptions, DHM-31 (Ms. A. Mazzullo)

Daicel Safety Systems, Inc. Request for Renewal of Exemption Number DOT-E12135: Airbag Inflator Model DHD 5000

Dear Ms. Mazzullo:

On behalf of our client, Daicel Safety Systems, Inc., 805 Umaba, Ibogawa Cyo, Ibo-Gun, Hyogo Prefecture 671-1681, Japan (telephone:81-791-72-5422; facsimile 81-791-72-5450) ("Daicel"), and pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 107.109, we respectfully request an extension for two (2) years of Exemption DOT-E12135, originally issued December 11, 1998 and renewed December 1, 2000 for Daicel's automobile airbag inflator model number DHD 5000.

Daicel certifies that Exemption DOT-E12135, as currently written, remains accurate and complete, and as of this date no modification is requested. Daicel estimates that approximately 500,000 airbag inflators have been manufactured, marked and sold in accordance with this exemption since the last renewal was issued, and that to Daicel's knowledge, its shipping experience has had no reportable incidents of loss of contents.

Daicel understands that this request is being submitted less than sixty (60) days from the expiration date of October 31, 2002, but respectfully requests an expedited approval of this renewal so that it may continue production and shipment of its product.



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I am Daicel Safety Systems' designated agent for this request. Please contact me by telephone at (202) 408-6357, by facsimile at (202) 408-6399 or at the mailing address above should you have any questions regarding this request.

Daicel greatly appreciates your courteous assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Frances J. Henderson

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